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Sir:

Applicants hereby request an update regarding the status of the Amendment and Response to Fourth Office Action filed May 4, 2004. Applicants responded within the two-month period to provoke an Advisory Action. Since that time, applicants have received no papers from the Patent and Trademark Office in this regard. To avoid abandonment, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal at the end of the extended period for reply, September 7, 2004.

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